

## **Ryan's Story:**

### **Rye's Purple Wish Dragon**

"Granny tell us a story!" asked the twins as they lay in bed one night.

Granny smiled and sat next to them.

"There is an old fairy tale told in Acresville about a Purple Wish Dragon." She began.

"It is said that if you climb to the top of the highest rainbow you will be able to reach the wish dragon, who lives in a tall tower above the clouds. Once you have touched this dragon, she will become yours and will grant your wishes forever.

The Loopies had been hearing this fairy tale for so long, that many of the Loopies had lost their faith in the story, for none of the Loopies had ever tried to climb the highest rainbow in Acresville, but there was one Loopie who wanted more than anything to have his own purple wish dragon. He was known as Rye Loopie. He was a very quiet Loopie and often kept to himself, but this dream would burn in his heart day after day, until eventually, he decided to make his dream come true.

He went to see Professor Astro at the University.

"Professor?" Rye asked nervously.

"Is there a way for a Loopie to climb a rainbow?"

The Professor stopped in his tracks and scattered some of the papers he was carrying.

"Egad boy! That is a good question!" The Professor smiled and dropped what he was doing.

"There must be a way and by Jove I'll find it!"

Rye smiled.

Every day after that Rye would visit the Professor at the university to see if the Professor had discovered a way for him to climb a rainbow and every day the Professor would look gloomy and shake his head.

"We have to find a way to stop the rainbow from melting first, that way it would be easier to climb!" the Professor explained one day.

Rye sat up.

"Do you think we could try using Rufus and Ruff's snow machine to freeze the rainbow? That could stop it from melting." He suggested.

The Professor broke out into a satisfied grin.

"It's worth a shot!"

"You will also need spiked boots and lots of rope to get you to the top of the rainbow once it's frozen solid. Freezing it isn't enough to get you to the top, you need to climb it without slipping off it." said the Professor.

So, Rye and the Professor went to see Rufus and Ruff and asked to borrow their snow machine.

They waited and waited for it to rain and sure enough it did and once the rain had died down, a beautiful rainbow filled the sky. Rye and the Professor turned on the machine and pelted the rainbow with snowflakes and just as Rye thought the rainbow froze solid! He could hardly believe his eyes and his good fortune! He put on his spiked boots and used the rope to help get him to the top of the rainbow.

By this time all of the Loopies in Acresville had heard he was making his way to the top of the rainbow to find his purple wish dragon, they all came out of their stores and houses to spur him on and wish him luck. They cheered as they watched him balancing at the top of the rainbow arch as he climbed up into the clouds and disappeared.

Nobody spoke, nobody moved, until they saw him. He was flying! Flying on his wish dragon! The fairy tale was true! There really was a wish dragon and she'd been there all along, all these years, waiting for someone brave enough to climb to the top of the tallest rainbow to free her from her tower.

The Loopies were so proud of Rye and the wish dragon was so happy to be free that she granted everyone in Acresville one wish.

"Truth is," confessed Mayor Piney, "We don't deserve these wishes. Rye was the only one who believed in you. I think he should get all the wishes."

"If you all are not going to wish for anything, then neither will I, I already got my wish, the greatest wish of all, I got my purple wish dragon." said Rye as he hugged his wish dragon tightly.

The Loopies agreed to save the wishes and so they put them in a big sack. Then the Loopies took the wishes high up Mount Peakmore to the Hall of the Great Loopie, to keep the wishes safe."

"Is this story true Granny?" asked Sherbet as she rushed to the window to look up into the sky for Rye and his wish dragon.

Granny smiled again.

"Yes dear, Rye kept his purple Wish Dragon and called her Charmer. And you can still catch a glimpse of them today if you watch the clouds above Mount Peakmore closely."

"But you two need to promise me one thing." said Granny.

The twins looked at Granny eagerly.

"Yes Granny, what is it?"

"You need to promise me that you will never forget the lesson the Loopies learnt that day Rye found his Charmer, you must never stop believing in the things that seem impossible, because if you believe in something strongly enough, it just might happen!"

And with that she kissed their wet noses and watched them drift to sleep.



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